

Anonymous New Testament Heroes

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Trivia



How many Bible
characters are named?

3,237



Lepers

Matthew 8:2-4 – one leper

Luke 17:11-19 – ten lepers, one returns

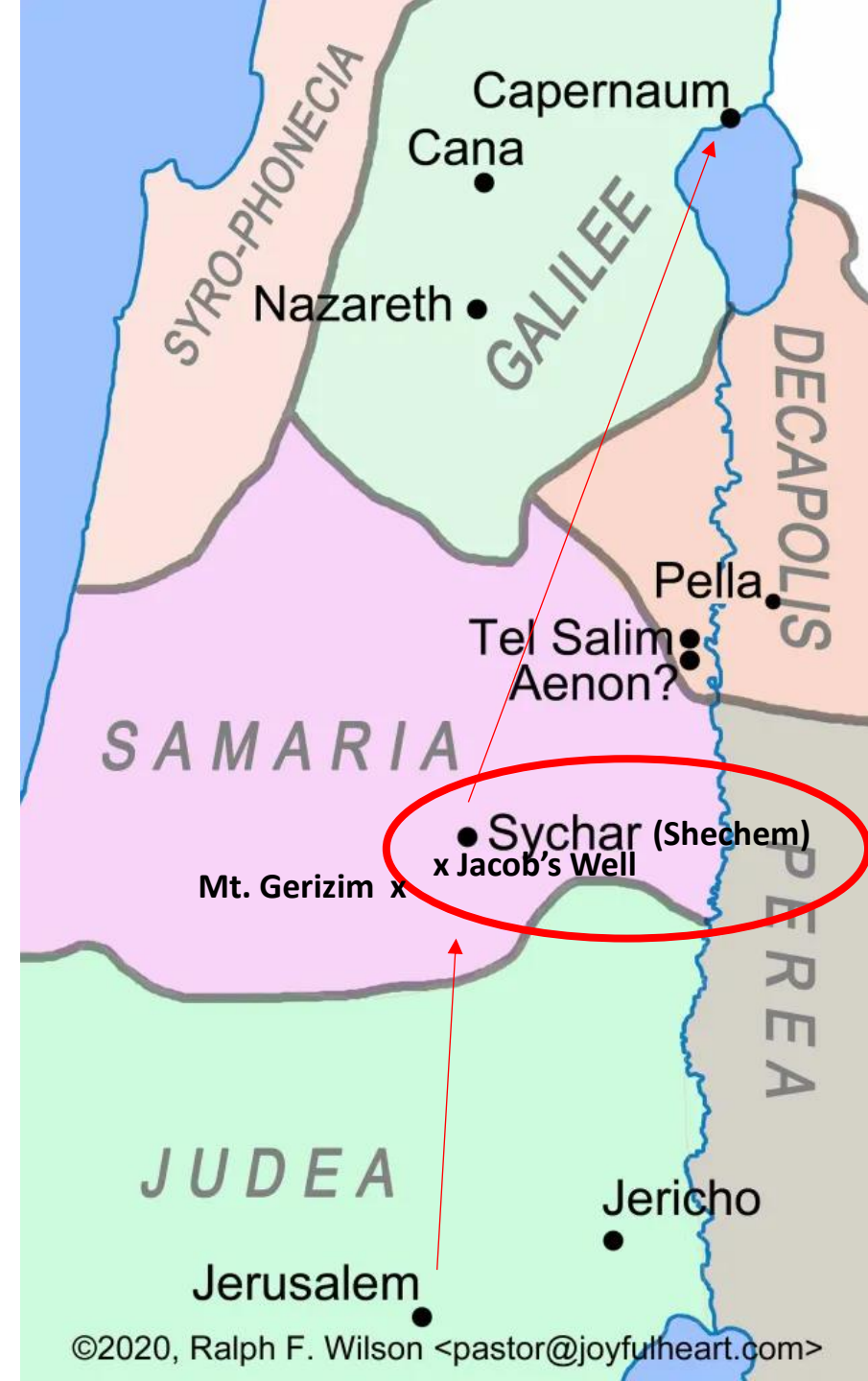
“Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Woman at the Well

John 4

Contrast to Nicodemus (ch. 3)

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Woman with Bleeding Problem

Luke 8:40-48

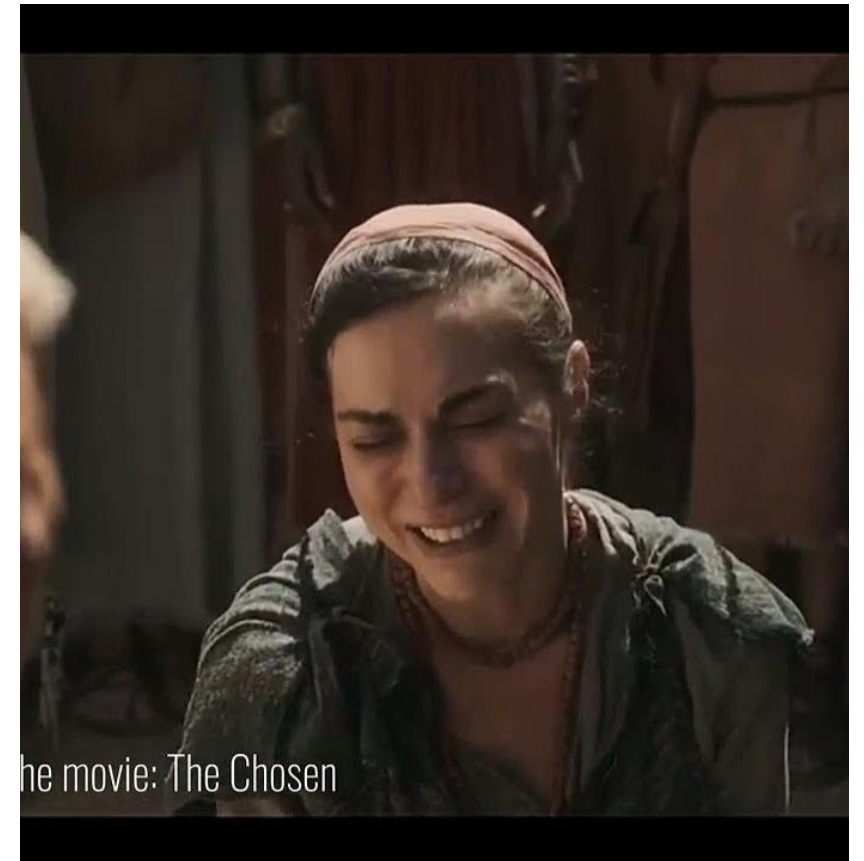
As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”



Generous Widow

Luke 21:1-4

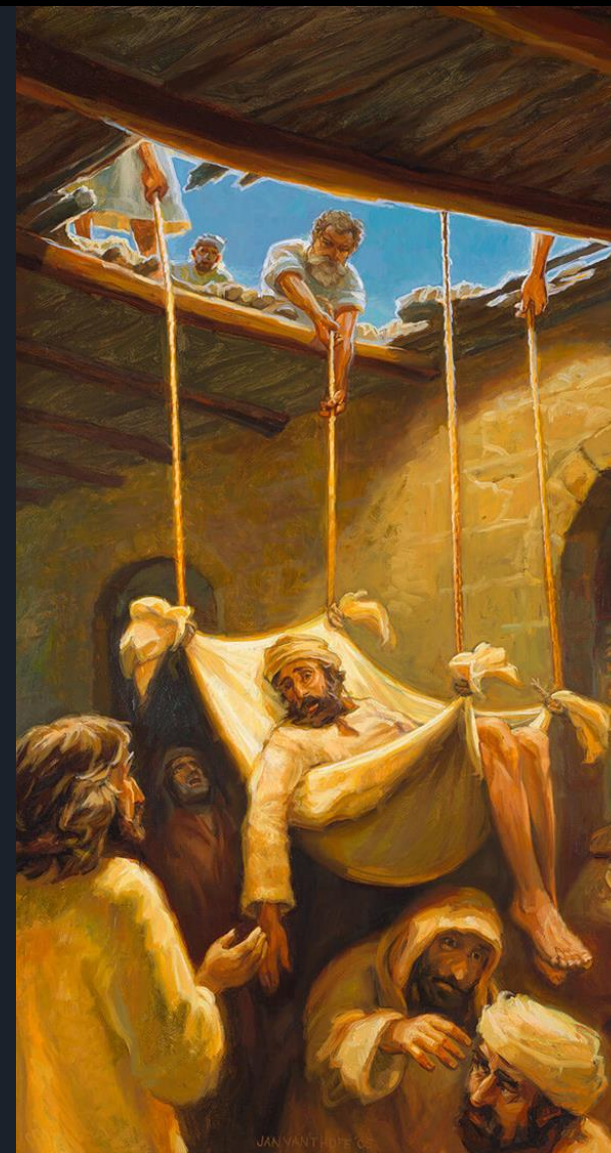
21 Looking up, Jesus saw people, especially the rich, dropping their gifts into the temple offering box. ² He noticed a poor widow drop in two small coins. ³ He said, “I can guarantee this truth: This poor widow has given more than all the others. ⁴ All of these people have given what they could spare. But she, in her poverty, has given everything she had to live on.”





Paralyzed Man and 4 Friends

Matthew 9:2-8





- If You are willing,
Rabbi,

Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

²² A Canaanite woman from that territory came to him and began to shout, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

²³ But he did not answer her at all. Then his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away. She keeps shouting behind us."

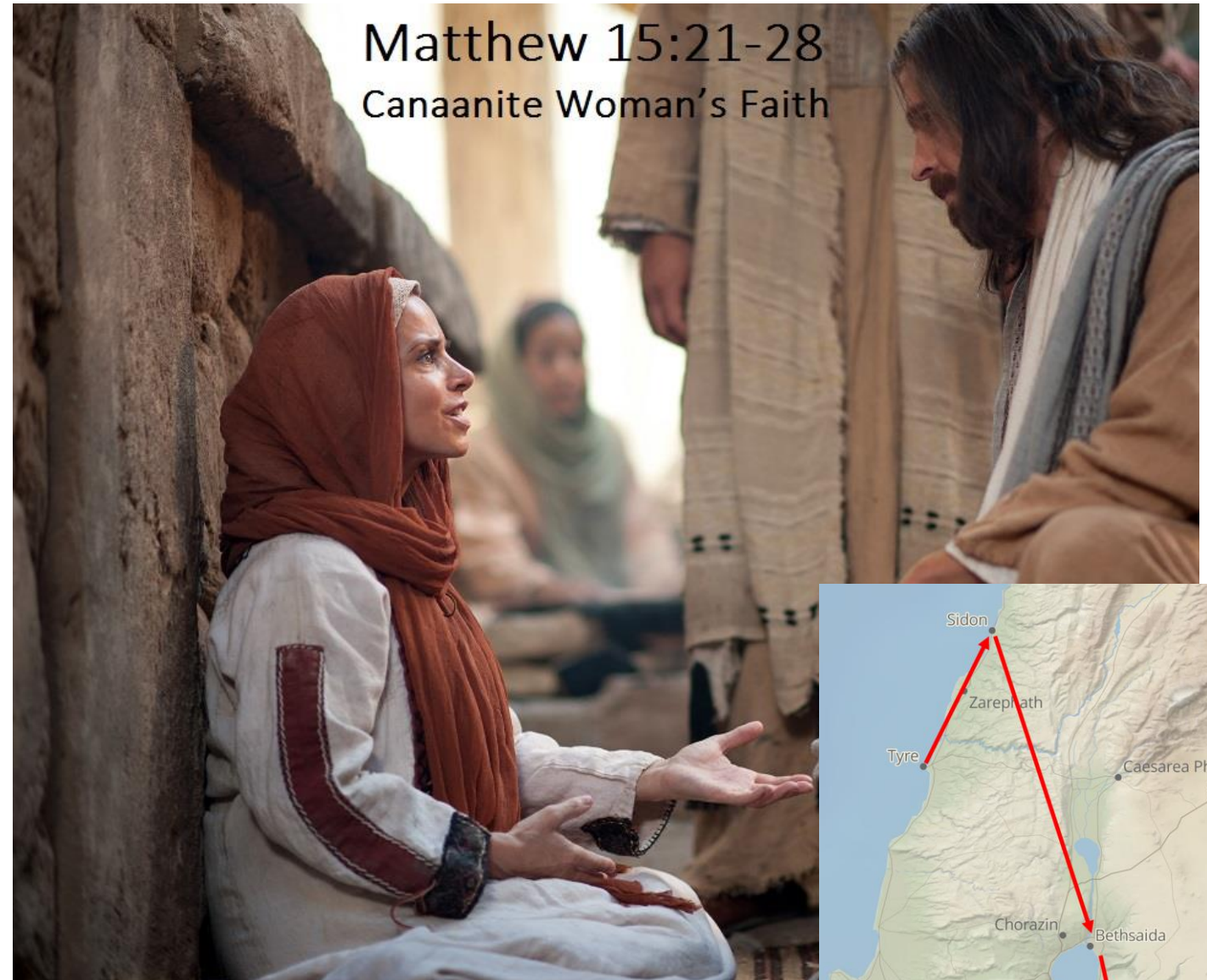
²⁴ Jesus responded, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the nation of Israel."

²⁵ She came to him, bowed down, and said, "Lord, help me!"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "It's not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷ She said, "You're right, Lord. But even the dogs eat scraps that fall from their masters' tables."

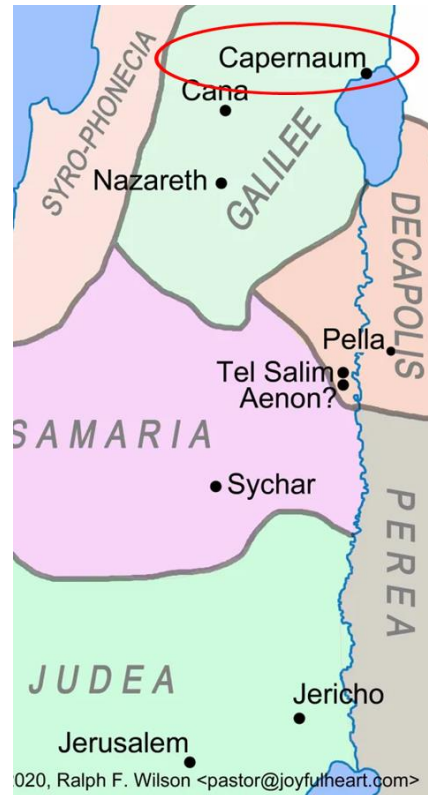
²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, you have strong faith! What you wanted will be done for you." At that moment her daughter was cured.



Centurion at Capernaum

Matthew 8:5-13

Luke 7:1-10





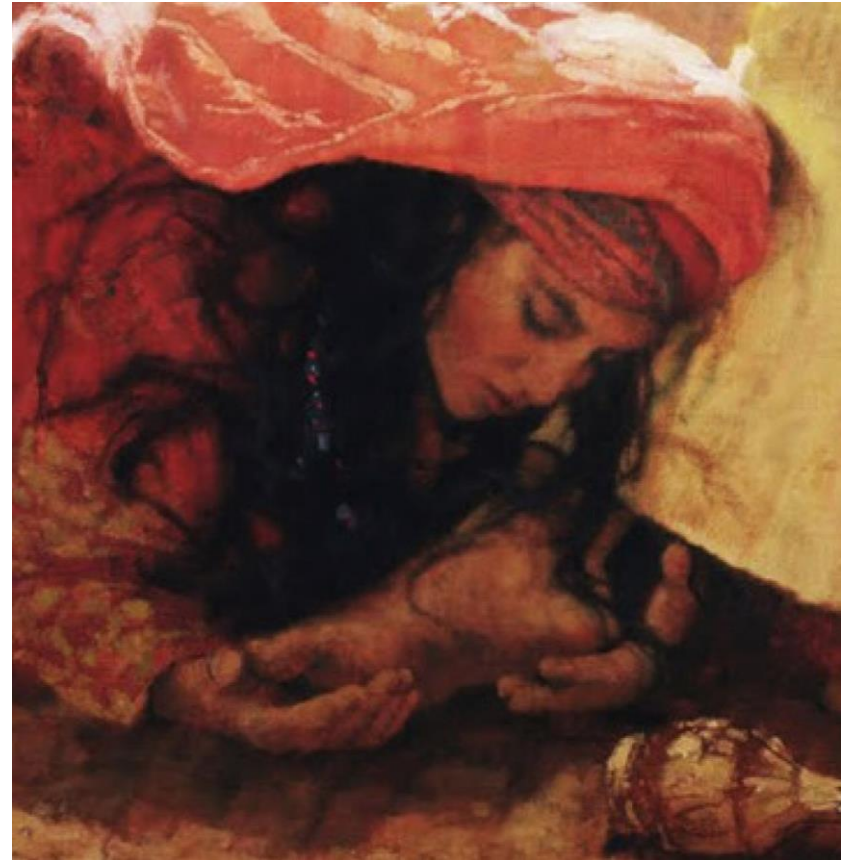
Sinful Woman

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."



Sinful Woman

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, [\[4\]](#) and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

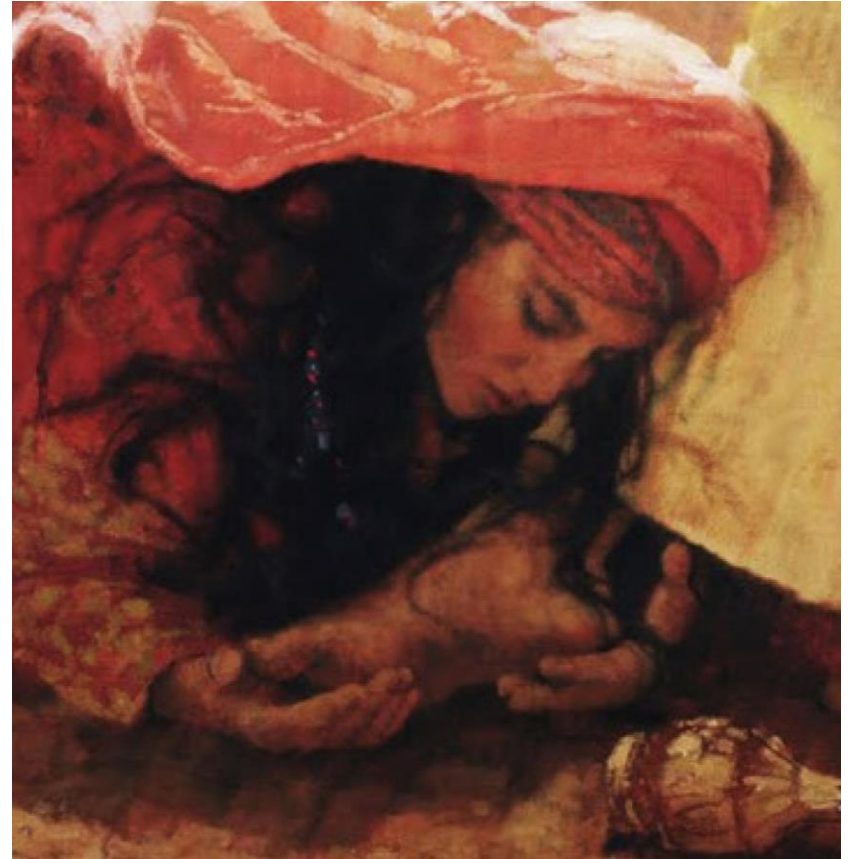
“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”



Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



Centurion at Calvary

Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”



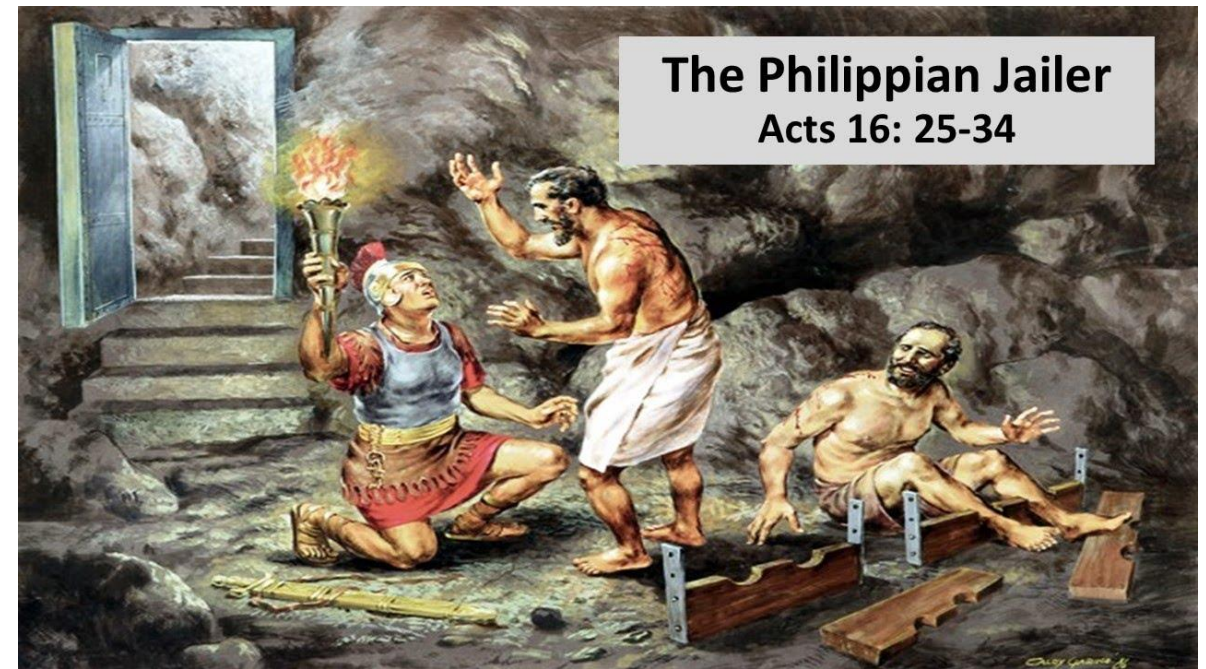
The Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:26-40



Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:25-34



Themes and Key Takeaways





The Wisemen

(aka Magi, Kings)

Matthew 2

Three Kings Day (aka Epiphany)

1. Gaspar (or Caspar) wears a green cloak and a gold crown with green jewels. He is the King of Sheba. Gaspar represents the Frankincense brought to Jesus.
2. Melchior has long white hair and a white beard and wears a gold cloak. He is the King of Arabia.
3. Balthazar has a black beard and wears a purple cloak. He is the King of Tarse and Egypt. ...





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The Wise Men – Matt 2:1

The Leper – Matt 8:2

Cripple and 4 friends – Matt 9:2

Centurion – Matt 27:54 and Acts ?

Boy with lunch – Mark 6:38

Woman at the well

Cananite woman – Matthew 15:21-28

Sinful woman – Luke 7:36-50

Woman with bleeding problem – Luke 8:40-48

Generous widow – Luke 21:1-4

Robbers crucified – Matt 15:27, Luke 23:39-43

The Eunuch – Acts 8:37

Philippian Jailer – Acts 16:27

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Pharoah's daughter

Widows for Elijah and Elisha – 1 Kings 17:7-24; 2 Kings 4:1-7

Slave of Naaman's wife – 2 Kings 5:2

Samson's mother

Servant of Saul

Female characters are particularly interesting. Instead of supplying names, the Bible often emphasizes a woman's status (royalty, prostitute, servant, wise woman) and relationships (wife, mother, daughter, widow).

Boy with Lunch

Feeding of the 5,000

Mark 6:30-44,
Matthew 14:13-21

